

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 813

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Nell Juanita Rogers Atkeison of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Nell Juanita Rogers Atkeison; and

WHEREAS, Nell Atkeison was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Atkeison was born in Mason on August 12, 1929; she was a graduate of Fayette County High School, Class of 1947; and

WHEREAS, having grown up on a farm, Nell Atkeison enjoyed raising animals, gardening, cooking, and canning for her family; she was also a talented seamstress and made numerous crocheted gifts for both her friends and family; and

WHEREAS, a woman of faith, Mrs. Atkeison was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church in Somerville, which she served faithfully for fifty-five years as a member of the choir; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Nell Atkeison will be fondly remembered by her children, Nita Davis, Ellen DeFoor, Nancy Cherry, Nathan Atkeison, and James "Red" Atkeison; her grandchildren, Peter Atkeison, Emily Atkeison, Ken Harris, Katie Stollings, Ginnie Myers, Amy DeFoor, Joseph DeFoor, Kristalea Fincher, Jenna Cherry, Sarah Kathryn Cherry, Drew Atkeison, and Paige Atkeison; her great-grandchildren, Maxx Atkeison, Satchel Harris, Dodge Harris, McGhee Harris, Harris Stollings, Sloane Stollings, Cami Crawford, Jac Crawford, Preston Myers, and Peyton Myers; her many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and her caregiver, Pat Moffett; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Atkeison was preceded in death by her loving husband, Herbert Atkeison; her parents, Bennie Willis Rogers and Anna Muriel Eubanks Rogers; her daughter, Amy Marie Atkeison; and her siblings, Elizabeth Rogers Taylor, Kathryn Rogers Petty, Anna Margaret Rogers Rike, Frances Rogers Clifton, Robert Rogers, Paul Woodrow Rogers, and Ray Rogers; and

WHEREAS, Nell Atkeison leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Nell Juanita Rogers Atkeison, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Atkeison.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.